EARLY MARRIAGES.

CASES IN WHICH THEY SEEM REAS-ONABLE AND DESIRABLE.

Unshared Tastes and Aspirations Fatal to Conjugal Happiness-Making the Best of an Unfortunate Bargain-The Sadness of Unequal Mating

The one supremely important thing in The one supremely important thing in marriage seems to me to be that the contracting parties should be sufficiently advanced to know what they are doing, and to have reasonable ground for believing that the judgment of their maturity will not condemn the choice of their youth. This certainly would come earlier in some stages certainly would come earlier in some stages of civilization than in others. Quiet, unambitious country folk, in districts remote from innovation, may marry at a very early age with safety. Such as they are, they are likely to continue to be; and the man who tills his own acres, and has no ambition beyond them, will be far happier to find some cheery young helpmate in the home to which he returns at nightfall; nor is it at all likely that either husband or wife

home to which he returns at nightfall; nor is it at all likely that either husband or wife will live to regret such an early choice.

At the other extreme of the social scale, also, early marriages seem reasonable and desirable. When people have been born into an atmosphere of luxury and culture, when both parties to the marriage contract have inherited the tradition of gentle treeding, neither is likely to shock or outgrow the other as time goes on.

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The terrible danger is in the early marriage of people in a transition state, when, before the wings have sprung from the shoulders of Pegasus, he may be mated all unknowingly with the plodding ploughhorsa Unshared aspirations, unshared tastes, unshared acquisitions—these are fatal to conjugal happiness. I know, for instance, a man in high, official position educated largely by contract with, the world, by the very duties that have devolved on him and the attrition of every day's experiences, whose protty, empty-headed wife must shock him by her very accent every time she opens her lips. He does his duty manfully, this man—but does any one suppose he would not be happier with a different wife?

NOTHING SADDER OR MORE TRAGEC. I know women also, women of keen in-tellect and of both scholarly and social cul-ture, who are married to men whom time ot improved or enlarged-women who think their own thoughts and live their own solitary lives in a world of which the man whom they married before they knew them-solves or their own needs; does not even know the language. Short of crime, I think the world holds nothing sadder or more tragic than such unequal mating. As Amiel says in his wonderful Journal Intime," "an irreparable ovil brought about by one's self—a renunciation for life of liberty, of piece of mind—the very thought of it is madden-ing."

It is perhaps a mistake to pity most the one who is generally most commiserated in these ill-fated unions; for the one who has the highest range of possibilities, and the most intimate and exquisite need of sympthy, has also the most resources. Friends warm to him; books speak to him; the whole world of ideal beauty is ready to help him forget the unsatisfying real; but what shall console the duller mate whose one hope of warmth was in the next of home! And yet it is no light thing for the man who aspires and struggles and achieves, or the woman It is perhaps a mistake to pity most the and struggles and achieves, or the woman who studies and dreams, to be bereft of that keen sympathy, that blessed oneness in mar-riage, which, to the heart at once true and tender, seems worth all other things put to-gether.—Louise Chandler Moulton in Brook-lyn Magazina.

Cause of a Candidate's Defeat.

Parson Brownlow's son John used to tell a good story about the canvass for congress in a Tennessee district by Maj. Pettibone, a very eloquent man, a classical scholar, and with a range and depth of information which proved his defeat. he quoted the Latin poets, while his competitor told familiar jokes, adapted to the comprehension of the not over-intellectual populace of the region, and thus secured his Taylor and Fettibons were addressing a crowd of mountaineers. Taylor dealt in joks and stories suited to the comprehension of the crowd, and kept them in a roar of laughter. Pettibone followed in his usual learned and solemn style, saying that he should not attempt to excite the risibles of the intelligent crowd. "What's that he said:" asked a mountaineer of Brownlow, said:" asked a mountaineer of Brownlow, punching him in the ribs. "He said he should not attempt to excite your risibles." replied Brownlow. "Excite my risibles!" exclaimed the mountaineer; "what does he mean by that!" "Why, he means he won't make you laugh," replied Brownlow. "Then why didn't he say so! I can't vote for no sich!" And he didn't, and a good many others didn't and Partitions was defeated. others didn't, and l'ettibone was defeated.

—Ben: Perley Poora

Treatment of Horses in Parls. The horses are of the heavy southern breeds, generally sleek and well kept, and not infrequently furnishing specimens as handsome as can be seen in Rosa Bonheur's They suffer terribly when the streets are slippery, which occurs whenever there is a slight mist or a little shower. The crown of the street is but slightly raised, but the slope toward the sides is quite enough to send the outer animal's feet from under him when it is necessary to drive near the gutter. There he lies sprawling, and either trodden on or kicking the animal next him. The injuries resulting from these concrete pavements are really more cruel than the whip.

No one can be much about Paris on a No one can be much about Paris on a moist day without seeing dozens of omnibus or carriage horses fall, and if he stops to observe he will sometimes remark a paintul limp when they are again on their feet. Some used singly in some of the public wagons are exceedingly docile and intelligent, and if they slip on their haunches in a press of vehicles sit quietly like dogs till the obstructions are removed from in front the obstructions are removed from in front of them, when they rise quietly and pro-ceed as if nothing had happened.—Paris Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

Approaches Frigidity and Absurdity, There is one bit of hospitality which one meets constantly in foreign houses, and in the west in our own country, which is sadly lacking in New England. This is the "bite" when one is making an honr's visit or a prolonged informal call. Of course, with a prolonged informal call. Of course, who our knowledge of what is good for our health, we don't wish to tempt people to eat between meals, but the regard for health is sometime carried to a degree of conscientiousness which approaches frigidity and absurdity. A famous French visitor to the surdity. A famous French visitor to the Hub said in another city; "O, yes, I like Boston very much, but it does seem as if the people live upon apples and cold water."—Exchange.

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